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During public hearing Monday night Elba City Council hears from dissatisfied property owner

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba City Council held a public hearing Monday evening, Feb. 11, to allow community input regarding its intentions to file a lien on two properties in which the city had incurred expenses for the demolition of a structure on that property.

The city published legal notices in The Elba Clipper for two consecutive weeks prior to Monday night's public hearing. It also publicly displayed the notices in several other places to meet requirements for the legal action.

The first property discussed in the public hearing was 0 Payne Street, Elba.

Building and Code enforcement official for the city, William Worthington, said all requirements had been satisfied to move forward with assessing a lien on this property to allow the city to recoup its expenses for the demolition of the structure on that property. The structure had been deemed a public nuisance and demolition was ordered.

The report of costs, presented by Worthington, on this property came to a total of \$6,376.85, and he recommended placing a lien on the property with the county revenue commissioner's office to allow the city to try and recover those expenses.

No citizen was present at the public hearing to speak

on this property.

The second property addressed in the public hearing was that at 936 Simmons St., Elba. This property also had been deemed a public nuisance and demolition was ordered.

Worthington said all requirements had been met for the city to move forward with its desire to assess a lien on the property with the county revenue commissioner's office to allow the city to try and recover expenses it had in the demolition process.

Worthington said the total report of costs for this property was \$6,293.45, and he recommended moving forward.

The property owner,

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HOME LOST TO FIRE IN COFFEE COUNTY...The Elba Volunteer Fire Department responded Thursday, Feb. 7, just after the noon hour to this house fire at 591 County Road 331. The home reportedly was already engulfed in flames when the initial 911 call came in to 911 dispatch around 11:53 a.m. After dispatchers were unable to get a response from the Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department, Elba was dispatched at 12:01 p.m. Coffee County deputies arrived on scene first and had the area blocked off to allow firefighters quick access to the burning home. Elba was assisted by the Springhill, Glenwood and Hamilton Crossroads fire departments with manpower and water in extinguishing this blaze. Haynes Ambulance also responded to the scene, but no injuries were reported.



EMERGENCY PERSONNEL RESPONDED TO A TWO-VEHICLE WRECK FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 8, at 1:50 p.m., reported at the intersection of Claxton Avenue and Highland Drive. Upon arrival on scene officials found a Ford Mustang and Mazda MX-5 (shown above) had collided causing the Mazda to overturn and come to a stop in a residential yard next to Highland Drive. Initial reports were the Mazda was traveling on Claxton Avenue when the Mustang pulled into the road off Sunset Boulevard, which is across from Highland Drive. The drivers were checked out on scene by EMS officials, but fortunately, everyone seemed to escape with no noticeable injuries.

Coffee County Commission celebrates Career Tech education

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners began their meeting Monday morning, Feb. 11, by approving a resolution to recognize February as Career Technical Education Month in Coffee County.

Students, teachers and administrators from the three school systems in the county (Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County) were in attendance for this. After reading the proclamation, vice chairman Jimmy Jones presented a copy to a representative from each of the five participating schools (Elba, Enterprise, Zion Chapel, Kinston and New Brockton).

The proclamation noted that career technical education programs provide valuable career and life skills to students, and commissioners applauded the teachers, students and administrators for their commitment to these programs.

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During the meeting, each commissioner commended the Career Tech group for their commitment to the programs, and encouraged them to continue to work hard to achieve their goals.

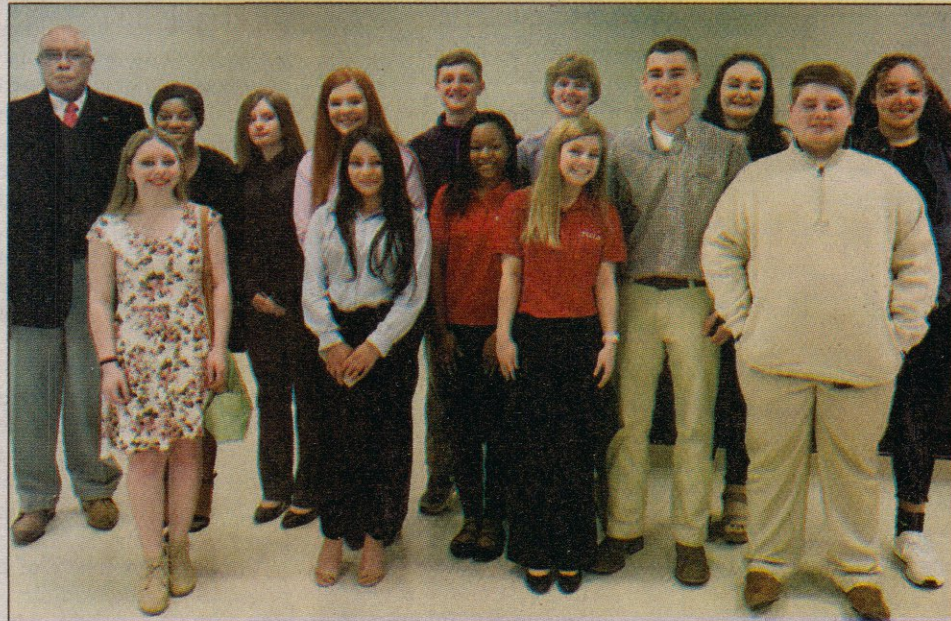
Students, teachers and administrators from the three school systems in the county (Elba, Enterprise and Coffee County) were in attendance for this special recognition.

County administrator Rod Morgan had three items for commissioners to consider during Monday's meeting, and two of those related to the City of Enterprise as well.

Morgan said the commissioners had been discussing for quite some time a plan to turn property adjacent to the courthouse building in Enterprise into an additional parking lot. He said this would benefit not only the county but also downtown merchants in Enterprise.

Morgan said the county had discussed this plan with the City of Enterprise and it had agreed to participate in the project

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CAREER TECH STUDENTS FROM ELBA HIGH SCHOOL were among those in attendance Monday, Feb. 11, at the Coffee County Commission meeting. Commissioners adopted a resolution recognizing February as Career Technical Education Month. The Elba students pictured above with Coffee County Commission vice chairman Jimmy Jones (far left). The students are: (front, l to r) Kelcey Parks, Vanesa Jimenez, Tia Germany, Lauren Haley, Josh Hodge, and Kaleb Grogg; (back, l to r) Denyia Wilkerson, Tiffany Campbell, Chanlyn Free, John Martin Wilson, Jace Hudson, Meghan Douglas, and Tiara Ackerman.

New hours for Elba Public Library

The Elba Public Library has new operating hours.

The library is open Mondays and Fridays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.; and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. until 12 noon.

Information meeting for Miss Elba Pageants set for Feb. 21st

Pageant organizers announced this week that the 2019 Miss Elba Pageants will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Elba High School auditorium.

Registration packets now are available for pickup at Elba City Hall, Elba High School, and Elba Elementary School. All contestants Kindergarten and Up must attend or have graduated from Elba City Schools.

The registration fee for Miss and Little Miss Elba is \$35 while the registration

fee for all other categories is \$30.

There will be a "Meet and Greet" informational meeting Thursday, Feb. 21, from 6-7 p.m. at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, 329 Putnam Street in Elba. This is for anyone interested in picking up a registration packet, ask questions, and more. [Packets are not due at this time.]

Categories for the 2019 Miss Elba Pageants are as follows:

Future Little Miss Elba will be ages 3-Kindergarten

[Heirloom Dress]

Little Miss Elba will be age 1st Grade [Heirloom Dress]

Petite Miss Elba will be ages 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade [Pageant Dress]

Young Miss Elba will be ages 4th thru 6th Grade [Pageant Dress]

Teen Miss Elba will be ages 7th and 8th Grade [Pageant Dress]

Junior Miss Elba will be ages 9th and 10th Grade [Pageant Dress]

Miss Elba will be ages 11th Grade - Age 21 [Pageant Dress]

There will be an interview for the contest for Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Elba.

REMINDER

Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Jukebox Saturday Night at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center, Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7 pm. Tickets are available online at www.CoffeeCountyArtsAlliance.com or 334-406-1617.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. This meeting will be at the Coffee County Forestry Commission, 1155 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

A GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located at 329 Putnam St., Elba, Ala. This workshop will be from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Ann S. Cooper, vice president of the River Region United Way of Montgomery will be teaching this free course. RSVP via text to (334) 790-9081 or call the Elba Chamber office at (334) 897-3125.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye. The more light you shine on it, the more it will contract." – Oliver Wendell Holmes

We will be watching with interest the progression of a lawsuit filed recently in Huntsville, AL. A man – a father – is suing over an abortion. His position is that an abortion was performed in spite of his opposition. A group called Personhood Alabama actually filed the lawsuit on behalf of the father of the aborted baby. Cited in the news release about this lawsuit is the Constitutional amendment Alabama voters approved last November dealing with the "unborn life and the rights of unborn children." We predicted last year this amendment would lead to lawsuits even though it is in direct conflict with federal laws.

Our position on this issue is there are very few situations in which we would even consider advising and/or encouraging a female close to us to undergo this procedure. However we would be hard pressed to find a reason to be critical of this same female or any other woman who makes the decision to have a legal abortion. It is definitely not our right nor desire to get involved other than to openly offer our support to all involved. There is probably no more traumatic decision a woman ever makes and hopefully no one considering an abortion takes this decision lightly. That being said, we also feel the man in this mix has no legal, nor moral, standing to sue those who perform a requested abortion.

While we are walking on eggshells let's discuss the ongoing national outrage over pictures of political figures (white guys) who have been guilty of painting their face black and performing in some skit or even movies, having their picture made, in that get-up, etc., years ago. We are not defending this practice but are pointing out that it was common in the not too distant past. Politicians are the ones catching the blunt of the indignation over this practice but jarring our memory cells finds a whole lot more cases of 'Blackface' stunts by average citizens and not just a few elected officials. Thus . . . you without sin may cast the first stone. However do it for the right reasons and not just to knock down a successful political figure for something done back when it was an accepted, however distasteful, practice. This advice goes to the wantabe political hopefuls as well. Polish your halo for some other reason, not political positioning.

Regular eye exams are important, for both young and old. As humans age it is not uncommon for our eyesight to fade for one reason or a hundred other reasons. Recently that opinion (or fact) has had us thinking it was time to have another of those eye exams. Then while standing in the parking lot of a local convenience store, chatting with a friend a couple of weeks ago we spotted a penny on the concrete some twenty feet away. It was not a new shiny copper one either, but it would spend. Yes, we walked over and picked it up and crammed it deep into our pocket. That was also our feeble excuse for postponing another eye exam. More than one family member seems to believe it was the smell of money and not excellent eyesight that resulted in us picking up that penny. Either way, we pocketed the copper cent.

The scene is carefully being set for the Alabama legislature to increase taxes and not just the gasoline tax. Stories about Alabama having the lowest tax collection in the nation are routinely coupled with the advantages of having more tax money to 'do things' for the state. Just get ready.

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~ Reflecting on the President's State of the Union and Pro-Life Call to Action ~

Guest Editorial by U.S. Representative Martha Roby

Every year, the State of the Union address provides an important opportunity for the sitting President to speak directly to Congress and the American people and offer an update on his priorities and plans to accomplish them. I recently attended President Trump's second State of the Union address, and I was glad to hear what he had to say.

In this year's State of the Union address, President Trump highlighted the economic success hardworking Americans are experiencing thanks to the implementation of pro-growth policies, including the historic tax reform overhaul. I was also pleased to hear more about his plans to work with Congress to secure our border, reinvigorate our badly aging infrastructure, strengthen our military, bolster our national security efforts, improve care for veterans, and defend the unborn.

The last item on that list has received a lot of attention lately due to the heart-breaking news that has come out of New York and Virginia in recent weeks. If you've not heard, the legislature in the State of New York recently cheered loudly upon their passage of a bill that would significantly loosen restrictions on late-term abortions.

In Virginia, the Democratic Governor Ralph Northam is facing severe backlash over his support for a similar state measure. He said: "Third trimester abortions are done in cases where there

may be severe deformities... If a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen. The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated if that's what the mother and the family desired."

These comments are a horrific defense of born-alive abortions – infanticide. No matter your position on abortion generally, I hope we can all agree that if an abortion fails and a child is born alive, the child must be given the same care that any other living, breathing infant would otherwise be given.

I truly never dreamt I would see the day America would have government officials who openly support legal infanticide. It is stunning, appalling, and heartbreaking. During this challenging time for the pro-life movement in this country, I am very glad that President Trump utilized his platform during the State of the Union address to offer a call to action: We must put legal protections in place for babies who are born alive during botched abortions.

I remain unapologetical-

ly pro-life. I believe life begins at conception and am opposed to abortion at any stage. I understand that not everyone shares my views, but still, I am severely disturbed that this country now requires written legal provisions to protect a living baby. Sadly, in the aftermath of the news coming out of New York and Virginia, it is clear that this step is immediately necessary.

In the House, Republicans wasted no time in responding to the President's demand for action. Two of my colleagues in particular, Congressman Steve Scalise from Louisiana, who is our House Minority Whip, and Congresswoman Ann Wagner of Missouri, are leading efforts to force a vote on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, a bill I cosponsor that would protect babies who are born alive during abortion procedures.

I cannot express how strongly I support this commonsense measure, and I cannot fathom how any person would oppose it. We must swiftly advance legal protections for these new-

borns and punish any doctor who allows an infant to die. I also support our Republican leadership's efforts to quickly bring up a vote on this legislation. Every single member of Congress should be forced to vote either for or against infanticide. The American people deserve to know where each of us stands on this humanitarian issue.

The challenges we face with a divided Congress have been made abundantly clear. I was encouraged by President Trump's remarks during his State of the Union address, and I was especially glad that he stood in strong defense of the unborn and rallied our pro-life community to action. I am eager to continue working with his Administration and my colleagues in Congress to deliver results on this important issue and others. The American people and Alabama's Second District deserve nothing less.

Martha Roby represents Alabama's Second District. She lives in Montgomery, Alabama, with her husband Riley and their two children.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 4, investigated the following incidents: one criminal mischief, two theft of property, one harassing communications, one harassment, one ID

theft, two for driving under the influence, and one theft.

The following arrests were made: three on warrants, three for failure to appear, and two for driving under the influence.

There were 14 traffic citations and 17 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the time-frame of Feb. 4th – 10th.

MONDAY, FEB. 4 – Possible breaking and entering reported in area of Newton St (9:21 a.m.); Officers out with two suspicious vehicles near Elba Antique Mall – advised subjects in the vehicles to go elsewhere to do their adult activities (6:31 p.m.); Traffic stop on Hwy 203 led to arrest of driver of vehicle on outstanding warrants (7:20 p.m.); Officers responded to a call at the Riviera Motel in reference to loud noise coming from one of the rooms – upon arrival officers advised the subjects were trying to contact a radio show (10:38 p.m.).

TUESDAY, FEB. 5 – Officers assisted county deputies with a call in reference to a vehicles that fled the scene of an accident – Elba officer made contact with two vehicles and escorted them back to the scene of the accident (8:49 p.m.); Officers went to the scene of a two vehicle accident at the intersec-

tion of Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 until a state trooper arrived (10:09 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6 – Possible domestic dispute reported on Morrow Ave (5:33 p.m.).

THURSDAY, FEB. 7 – Officer assisted Haynes Ambulance with a medical call in area of Stroud Ave (11:09 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 591 County Road 331 (12:01 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in reference to a subject sending threatening texts – one arrest was made in reference to outstanding warrants out of Covington County (8:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, FEB. 8 – Officers responded to a call of a suspicious subject in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Farris Ave carrying a rifle – upon arrival officers found it to be a BB gun (9:48 a.m.); Report of a person trying to pass counterfeit money at a business (1:41 p.m.); Two vehicle accident reported at intersection of Claxton Ave and Highland Dr (1:46 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the wreck at Claxton Ave and Highland Dr (1:50 p.m.); Officers responded to call of possible drunk driver on Hwy 84 coming into Elba – made contact with the vehicle and subject was arrested for DUI (9:31 p.m.).

SATURDAY, FEB. 9 – Officers met with complainant in police dept lobby in reference to personal property and advise give - complainant returned to speak with officers again and officers were made aware of a warrant for the subject and he was arrested (7:18 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Davis St - officer made contact and person was lost (7:27 p.m.).

SUNDAY, FEB. 10 – Suspicious person reported walking up and down the road on Payne St - officers made contact and it was a person just out for a walk (4:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a possible stolen vehicle - upon making contact with subject driving the vehicle it was determined to be a civil matter and vehicle was not stolen (3:33 p.m.); Report of a reckless driver on Hwy. 189 N - officers made contact and warning was issued (5:57 p.m.).

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L.M. Burch, was in attendance to speak on this property.

Burch noted first that he was retaining lawyers from Troy and Montgomery regarding this matter, and he told city officials they would be receiving information on that.

Burch said he felt the demolition process was not done id due process. He also noted that mail regarding the matter was sent to his ex-wife's address for some three years for some reason.

Further, Burch expressed that he felt the demolition process was handled improperly with concrete on the property being taken up as well. He said he felt the concrete should not have been part of the demolition process because it was not part of the structure that was being ordered demolished.

He said he believed he was not being treated fairly in that there were other structures within the city that he considered in far worse shape than his structure.

City attorney Bart Boothe told council members that he is confident due process was followed in this matter. He said the property owners, in this matter, were first notified of the building being deemed a nuisance in September 2015.

"Due process is to notice the owner and all parties involved," Boothe said.

He named several parties, including Mr. Burch, with an interest or claimed interest in this property had been noticed numerous times throughout the entire lengthy process.

The attorney further said the city was notified at one point by a mortgage company for this property, and the

process ceased at that point. He said it was his understanding the property had not been foreclosed on at that time, but a collections process was underway.

Boothe said the city gave the mortgage company three weeks to decide how it wanted to proceed with the matter, and at the end of that three weeks, the mortgage company called back and said go ahead with the demolition process.

Burch said he lost out on potential customers for the property with the concrete also being destroyed as he said he had people wanting to rent the property with the concrete in place. He mentioned potential storage building clients.

"Somebody is going to pay me for my concrete," Burch said to the council.

Mayor Mickey Murdock thanked Burch for his attendance and comments. He said the council would take all the comments into consideration when it addressed the matter in the council meeting, which immediately followed the public hearing.

During the council meeting, council members approved a resolution to move forward with assessing a lien on the property at 0 Payne Street in the amount of \$6,376.85. This motion passed with all voting in favor.

The council also approved a resolution to move forward with assessing a lien on the property at 936 Simmons Street in the amount of \$6,293.45. This motion passed with all voting in favor.

Again, these lien assessments are to recover the city's expense in the demolition process ordered under the city's public nuisance ordinance.

COUNTY

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since it would have a direct benefit for the downtown merchants.

Commissioners approved a motion to allow the county to contract with Enterprise by providing \$150,000 over the next three years to Enterprise for the paving of the property to be used as a parking lot.

Next, the county administrator said commissioners had been discussing what to do with property it owns adjacent to the City of Enterprise's Industrial Park. He said the conclusion was the best thing to do would be to surplus that 25-acres of land and donate it to the City of Enterprise to allow Enterprise to incorporate the property into its industrial park.

Commissioners approved a resolution to surplus the property and donate it to Enterprise.

The final item Morgan had for commissioners to consider during the meeting was a resolution to express support for any bill that might come from the legislature for an increase in gasoline/fuel taxes to allow for improvements to local infrastructure (local roads).

Commissioners approved a resolution to express support for an increase in gasoline/fuel taxes to help fund improvements to local roads.

Grant Lyons, deputy director for the Coffee County EMA office, reminded citizens that as severe weather season approaches to be sure to be signed-up for the county's mass notification system regarding weather warnings. He said this is just an additional warning measure the county provides in addition to weather sirens.

Lyons said it is easy to sign-up for the mass notification system and can be done logging on to the county's website.

Marvin McLwain, Coffee County's 911 coordinator, had a warning for citizens during Monday's commission meeting. He said with today's technology many people are doing away with the traditional 'landline' telephones and

relying solely on their cellular phones or going to a VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) phone system.

"All cell phones are not alike, and they do not contact 911 the same way," McLwain said. "Be careful of how well your phone gives your location (in case of an emergency)."

He said there are times during an emergency where first responders might only have a location to go by to get to a person in need. He said this is why it is imperative that citizens know how well their phone provides its location, if this were ever to be needed.

Also, with VoIP services, he said his office had come across a couple of issues with these just in the past couple of weeks. He said those who go with a VoIP need to not only ask their provider if the phone will dial 911 with this service, but they also need to test it and be sure.

McLwain said there had been some checked recently, and when 911 was dialed on the phone all the gave was a busy signal.

"You never get a busy signal with 911," he said.

The problem was that particular VoIP system had an issue which was preventing it from calling 911. Therefore, McLwain said it is imperative that citizens check and be sure their phones will work properly.

He further said citizens could call the dispatch centers in Elba and Enterprise on their operations phone line and ask if they could do a 'test' 911 call. He said the dispatchers would be accommodating unless they were at that time tied up with an actual emergency in which case they would ask that it be done at a later time. The Elba number to call to request a test is 334-897-2555.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners approved a request from Mike Thornton, environmental services coordinator, to surplus some equipment, all with mechanical issues, and place those items on GovDeals.com for potential sale.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

CAROLYN BOWDEN BLACKMON

Mrs. Carolyn Bowden Blackmon, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at her home surrounded by her family.

Carolyn was born Jan. 27, 1944 in Elba to the late Charlie and Winnie Dell (Wambles) Bowden. She attended Elba City Schools and later graduated from Troy State University. She retired in 1976 after working 25 years at Fort Rucker, Ala.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba with Dr. Sam Self officiating and Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years: John W. Blackmon, Elba; sons: Kim Blackmon, Elba, Tim (Tina) Blackmon, Ocean Springs, Miss.; daughters: Lori Poyner, Niceville, Fla., Dori (Ronnie) Crawley, Florala, Ala., Mandy (Travis) Powers, Elba; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

BENNIE C. COUNCIL

Mr. Bennie C. "Pete" Council, age 75, of Daleville, Ala., died January 30, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2019 at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Coppinville Rd., Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pete attended school in the Enterprise school system. He was employed by Wiregrass Body and Frame Inc., where he retired after 25 years of service.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie & Beatrice Council, daughter and son, Sonya Council and Printess McCray; a sister, Jessie Smith, and brother, Henry Council.

Survivors include his wife: Wanda Council; two sons: David (Kysha)

Council, Centreville, Ala., Ronnie (Andria) McCray, Enterprise; two daughters: Yolanda (Shadonvan) Richardson, Hinesville, Ga., and LaKristia McCray, Enterprise; four brothers: Robert Lee (Eunice) Council, Jimmie (Earnestine) Council, Odell (Barbara) Council, all of Enterprise, and Charlie (Katie) Council, Rochester, NY; three sisters: Ann (General) Dickerson, Mary Brooks, and Verdell Mullins, all of Enterprise; 23 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

BILLY EARL BALDWIN

Mr. Billy Earl Baldwin, age 63, of Enterprise, Ala., died recently in Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019, at Southside Church of Christ. Coleman Funeral Home was in charge of burial arrangements.

Billy Earl was born September 8, 1955. He is preceded in death by his brothers and sisters: Shirley Faye, Brandon, and Donnie Wilson.

Survivors include two daughters: Candice Tolbert, Enterprise, Latesia McClain, North Carolina, son: Timothy Baldwin (Kristy), NC; sisters: Luvedia (Johnny B), Enterprise, Paula Sanders (Larry), Huntsville, Ala.; one brother: Johnny Baldwin, New Brockton; five grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

JAMES MCLEOD ROWELL

Mr. James McLeod Rowell, age 73, of Elba, Ala., died peacefully at his home Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

James was a lifetime citizen of the Curtis Community and ran a working cattle farm for the majority of his life. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunted and fished with his family and friends often. In his younger years, James served his country as a member of the National

Guard and later on as a helicopter mechanic at Fort Rucker.

A memorial service will be held by his family Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at the Pine Level Senior Center, at 2 p.m., with a covered dish memorial to his life. Everyone that knew James is welcomed to share pictures and stories along with a potluck meal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rafus and Lucille Rowell, and his sister, Charlotte Marsh.

Survivors include his wife: Laura D Womack-Rowell; daughter: Laura F Rowell, Elba; son: Jason B Cox and grandson, Johnny Cox, of Comanche, Texas; brother: Leslie Rowell, Guy, Ark.; sister: Inez Nason, Pelham, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

JOHN LARRY GILBERT "POPCORN"

Mr. John Larry Gilbert (aka Popcorn), age 63, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. from Coleman Funeral Home in Elba.

BETTY SPURLIN FOLEY

Mrs. Betty Spurlin Foley, age 87, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at her home.

Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery on Thursday, Feb. 14, beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. Michael Woodham officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday morning, Feb. 14, from 10-10:45 a.m.

The family requests the omission of flowers and memorials, your thoughts and memories of Betty is all that is asked.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levy Lamar Foley, along with her parents, Bunnie Lee Cooper Spurlin and Albert Newton Spurlin.

Survivors include a son: Timothy Foley, Elba.

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Card of Thanks

The **Family of Lynda McCollough Lawless** wishes to extend sincere thanks for all the love shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We will forever be grateful for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, food, and other acts of kindness shown to us during Lynda's illness and death.

Words seem inadequate to express our appreciation, but know we truly have been blessed by each and every one of you.

*May the Lord's blessings be upon you,
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LIFESTYLES

Jukebox Saturday Night concert set for Feb. 14 at Enterprise High School

The Coffee County Arts Alliance announces the Jukebox Saturday Night concert set for Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

Jukebox Saturday Night is a musical review of the great Big Bands during the 1930's, 40's and 50's. Performances celebrate America's Swing Era featuring the greatest hits recorded by Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Tommy

and Jimmy Dorsey, Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Jimmie Lunceford, Artie Shaw, Harry James, Les Brown, Woody Herman and many others. Featured performers of this ensemble are veterans from some of the name bands as well.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the website www.coffeecountysalliance.com or, in Elba, tickets are available for purchase at Wildflowers.

Rep. Rhett Marques set to speak at RWCC meeting

The Republican Women of Coffee County will meet Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club.

Guest speaker will be Alabama House District 91 Representative Rhett Marques.

Marques was elected to the District 91 seat in the November 2018 General Election. He was elected to the Enterprise City Council District 5 seat in 2012.

In January 2016, Marques became the City Council President. He is the owner and manager of Goodson Tire and Auto in



Rep. Rhett Marques

Enterprise.

Marques and his family moved to Enterprise from

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe plans meetings for low income home energy assistance applications

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama will conduct the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, heating aspect, and weatherization grant application.

Priority will be given to the elderly, disabled, and families with children age five (5) and under.

The applications will be processed the following times: Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Friday, March 1, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be no after hour or weekend appointments.

There will be no faxes,

emails, screenshots allowed. The application must be processed in person or mailed thru United States postal service.

Applicant must bring the following items to the appointment: 1. Original bill primary heating can only pay one source; 2. Tribal Roll cards for all household members must be current roll cards-hard plastic with a hologram; 3. Social Security Card for all household members; 4. **Proof of all income for all household members that are eighteen (18) and**

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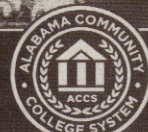
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ing. The superintendent recommended the hiring of Zachary Holmes to be the head football coach at New Brockton High School.

The board voted unanimously to approve the employment of Holmes.

Killingsworth said the textbook committee for the school system had sent recommendation to adopt the state approved list for technology textbooks. Board members approved this recommendation.

The superintendent also took time to recognize the "Teachers of the Year" for the school system. He said these two teachers had been presented with this award on Jan. 25th at their schools.

Killingsworth congratulated Connie Hawthorne of Kinston Schools on being the secondary teacher of the year, and Kristy Jones of Zion Chapel Schools on being the elementary teacher of the year. Hawthorne teaches social science at Kinston High, and Jones is a third grade teacher at Zion Chapel.

Finally, the superintendent took a few moments to recognize board members for School Board Appreciation. He noted that January is School Board Appreciation Month, and since the board did not have a regular meeting in January, he wanted to take time Thursday evening to recognize the board members for the job they do in serving the school system.

Killingsworth said he realizes it can be a thankless job at times, but the job the school board members do in helping move the school system forward is invaluable. He thanked each member for his/her commitment to the Coffee County School System and presented each with a certificate of appreciation.

Board member Eric Payne congratulated the spelling bee winners from the three county schools. He said two of those students competed in the county contest and did very well.

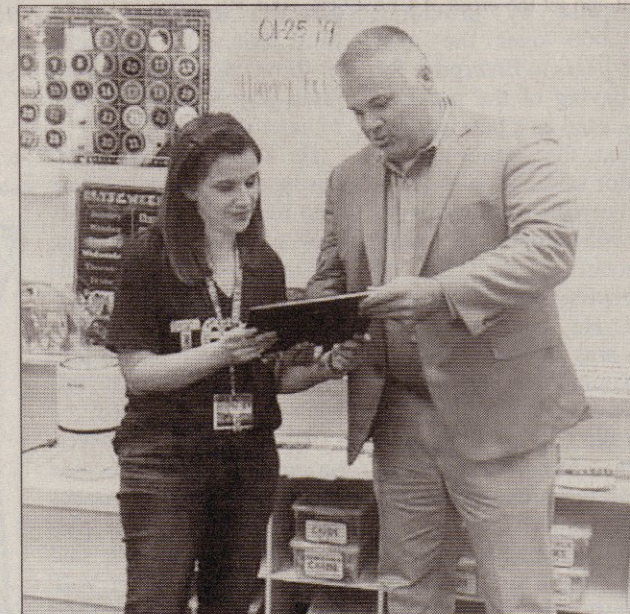
The next regular meeting for the Board will be Thursday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m.



During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting last Thursday evening, Feb. 7, superintendent Kevin Killingsworth recognized each board member as part of 'School Board Appreciation' nods. Above, he is shown presenting board member Wendy Massey with a certificate of appreciation. Also pictured (seated) are board members Brian McLeod and Galen McWaters.



The Coffee County School System presented its "Teacher of the Year" awards on Jan. 25th. These awards come from the school system's central office. Above, superintendent Kevin Killingsworth presents Kinston Schools social sciences teacher Connie Hawthorne with the Secondary Teacher of the Year award for the school system.



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Ben E. Keith Foods announces recent changes to executive team

After 36 years of dedicated service to Ben E. Keith Foods, Senior Vice President of Purchasing and Logistics Andy McCaskill is retiring from the 113-year-old foodservice distribution company.

His replacement, Mike Needham, will assume his new role as Vice President of Purchasing and Logistics on July 15, 2019. Stepping into Needham's current role as General Manager of the Gulf Coast Division for Ben E. Keith Foods will be Jerry DuBose, who has been that division's Assistant General Manager since 2014.

"Andy's grit and wisdom, and bulldog approach to every challenge and opportunity, has helped build Ben E. Keith into a leading Foodservice Distributor," said Mike Sweet, President, Ben E. Keith Foods. "We wish Andy, and his wife, Lissa, a happy, fulfilling and well-deserved retirement."

A employee since 1991, Needham has led the

Missouri City-based Gulf Coast Division since 2014. Previously, he served in a variety of sales and purchasing managerial positions in the Oklahoma and San Antonio divisions and was General Manager of the latter from 2008-2014.

Jerry DuBose joined Ben E. Keith in 1996, as a District Sales Representative in his hometown of College Station. Success in that role led to his promotion to District Sales Manager, and he led a College Station-based team in that capacity until 2009 when he was promoted to Director of Sales Training.

"Mike and Jerry exemplify the term 'servant leader,' and they have built tremendous careers here because of their commitment to leading by example," Sweet said. "Their work ethic and dedication to serving our stakeholders make them worthy successors, and I am confident they will lead their respective teams to even greater heights."

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SUPER BOWL'S MAN OF THE NIGHT GETS BOILED IN OIL

BY R.A. MATHEWS

There's been no shortage of boiling oil flowing across the NFL since Sunday night's Super Bowl LIII.

The worst of the criticism seems levied at the man of the night, Patriots' wide receiver Julian Edelman—awarded Most Valuable Player. One commentator immediately said Edelman hadn't done enough to deserve it.

But most of the disgust focused on Edelman's four-game PED suspension for using performance enhancing drugs at the start of this season. Under baseball rules, Edelman would have been excluded from the Super Bowl. A USA Today commentary went so far as to suggest Edelman be branded for life.

Dealing with misdeeds is a great theme of the Bible, famously addressed in the Book of Jonah. Remember Jonah and his unfortunate incident with a sea creature?

But did that happen? Was Jonah in fact swallowed by a whale? Jesus says so. Matthew 12:38-41

Whether fish or whale is a controversy to avoid. Simply put, both the Hebrew and Greek words specify sea creature. Either works.

Here's the story. Jonah is a prophet living in Northern Israel around 750 B.C. The timing is important. II Kings 14:25

God sends him on a preaching stint to the far-away city of Nineveh in present-day Iraq. The New World Encyclopedia suggests it was the largest city in the world at that time, but it's so evil that God decides to destroy it. Jonah is chosen to give them the news.

The prophet immediately boards a ship going in the opposite direction. He's not doing it.

But God thinks otherwise.

The Lord sends a great storm, battering the ship so badly that the sailors fear for their lives. After learning Jonah is the reason for the tempest, they reluctantly throw him overboard to keep from drowning.

That's when Jonah is swallowed by the whale. After three days in its belly, the prophet has a change of heart. A repentant Jonah prays to God and the Lord causes the whale to spit the prophet onto dry land. Jonah then goes to Nineveh and preaches that God will destroy the city in 40 days.

Surprisingly, the Assyrians take the matter to heart, fasting and putting sack cloth on themselves and even their animals. The king issues a decree for his people to turn from evil and violence.

"Who knows?" the king says. "God may...relent from his fierce anger." Jonah 3:9

God does just that.

But get this, Jonah is furious. The prophet says to our Lord, "You are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 103:8

So what's wrong with that?

"This is why I fled..." Jonah says to God. The prophet didn't want the city to have mercy. Perhaps because fairness dictated that the evil Assyrians be punished.

Jonah is a small Old Testament book, only four chapters long. It's all about God granting second chances—to Nineveh when they repent but also to Jonah in the belly of the whale. Where there's repentance, there's forgiveness. God's man would know this.

What the book doesn't disclose, and the Jews would have readily known, is that Assyrian King Tiglath-Pileser III, 745-727 B.C., has either just taken the throne or soon will. Also known as Pul (II Kings 15:10), Tiglath-Pileser III conquers most of the world. With God's blessing, the king targets Jonah's homeland, punishing the Hebrews for their great evil. Hosea 11:5, II Kings 15:29

God doesn't enable bad behavior—He confronts us, expecting change. In the belly of the whale Jonah changes. The Assyrians hear God's message and they change. Julian Edelman accepted responsibility for the PED violation and he changed.

I've asked many people if they've done something for which they're deeply ashamed. An act they hope never comes to light.

Yes. The answer comes immediately. Yes.

But no matter what you've done, God will take you back. Repent and let the cross of Christ bear your sins. Forgiveness is the promise of the Christian faith. I John 1:9, 7b

To those who still feel fairness dictates that Edelman be branded, Jesus offers a great warning. Loosely translated, it says:

"In the oil you boil, you will be boiled." Matthew 7:2

God forgives. He asks the same.

Forgive.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

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2nd & 4th Sundays

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Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
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Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
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Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
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Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Michael Woodham, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adeco, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
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Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting .6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Service . 7:15 p.m.

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Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Newbia Baptist Church set to host Safe Harbor in concert Feb. 17th

The group Safe Harbor will be in concert Sunday, Feb. 17, at Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba.

The concert will begin at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken.

All are invited to attend.

Joint revival services set for Calvary Baptist and First Baptist New Brockton

Calvary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church New Brockton will have a joint revival Feb. 17th-20th.

First Baptist Church New Brockton will host the services Sunday, Feb. 17, and Monday, Feb. 18, while Calvary Baptist Church will host the Tuesday, Feb.

19, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, services.

The Sunday service will be at 6 p.m. and Monday – Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

The speaker will be Tim Cox, and music will be provided by Craig Stringfield.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Harris Temple COGIC to host Pastoral Appreciation service on Sunday, Feb. 17

On Sunday, Feb. 17, Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will celebrate Senior Pastor W.K. Ellison & Lady Sara Ellison for 28 years of dedication, commitment and service to the Work of the Lord.

This year's theme is: God's Servant Leader. Standing on a solid foundation. A Builder: Repairing the breached; Restoring

Gods Way; through rightly dividing the Word of Truth, Isaiah 58:12, 2 Timothy 2:15.

Two celebrations services are scheduled - 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dr. Reginal Roberts of Huntsville, Ala. will be the guest speaker for the 3 p.m. service.

Everyone is invited. Harris Temple is located at 747 Adams Avenue, Elba.

In honor of Black History Month

Greater Bethel AME Church plans special Feb. 24th service

In celebration of Black History Month, Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC), 33 Harper Lane, Elba, Ala., will host a Family and Friends Day and Heritage Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 3 p.m.

The guest speaker for this special event will be Rev. Annie Mays, pastor of Freemont African Methodist Episcopal Church in Bakerhill, Ala. Dress is old fashioned or African attire.

Everyone is invited.

Bethany Baptist Church plans to begin hosting PAL support group

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., announces a new program it will begin hosting Tuesday, Feb. 19th.

PAL [Parents of Addicted Loved Ones] will be a free educational support group for parents and families of addicted loved ones. Participants must be 18 or older.

PAL will begin meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 6-

7:30 p.m. and, and the meeting time will be each Tuesday thereafter at the same time.

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Scripture: God's people need to do three things. 2 Chronicles 7:14

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Lula Cole 2/2
Danny Fleming 2/2
Darryl Crittenden 2/4 (in memory)
Janelle McMillian Hatcher 2/4
Ciarra Magwood 2/4
Rev. Brian Brunson 2/7
Renethia Renaye Crueton 2/7
Jada K. Duncan 2/7
S'inia Smedley 2/8
Kyson Edwards 2/9
Keyshawna Gavin 2/9

** There will be a meeting to start an Investment Club for financial planning on Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m., at the Rucker Boulevard School, 209 Regency Dr., Enterprise. For more information, call Jerome Reynolds at 479-951-2472.

Men...Calling all Christian Men! Christian Men are needed to start a male mentoring program. This meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 16, at 12 noon, at Rucker Boulevard School, 209 Regency Dr., Enterprise. For more information, call Jerome Reynolds at 479-951-2472.

** In Honor of Black History Month **

Civil Rights Landmark – On April 4, 1968 the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of the

Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, during a visit to support sanitation workers on strike. Today the former motel is home to the National Civil Rights Museum, much of the building has been renovated, but Room 306 – where Dr. King spent his last house – remains as it was on the day he died, down to the unmade bed where he took an afternoon nap.

The museum covers 400 years of history, with 260 artifacts and more than 40 films. Visitors can view Dr. King's preserved room and sit by a statue of Rosa Parks or a replica of the bus where she refused to give her seat to a white passenger. The museum's MLK 50 celebrated a commemoration that culminated on a day of remembrance with a chorus of bells tolling.

Question / Answer Session Q/A for the Week of 2/14/19

Q: What reason did Jesus give for speaking in Parables?

A: So His message would be hidden from those to whom it was 'not given' to understand it because of their lack of desire. Matthew 13: 11.

Thought to Remember Follow Jesus

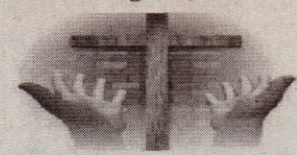
For the Week of 2/21/19 Unscramble these names of Kings of the Bible

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Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



Church Directory

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH
Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor - Lee Jones
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
Rev. James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. . 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . 7:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Pastor Donald Mills
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Shayne Allen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Rev. Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Ken Wilson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:

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2/7-14/pd

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by James C. Gordy and Julie C. Gordy to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Residential Mortgage Network Inc. d/b/a SurePoint Lending, Inc., dated July 25, 2006 said mortgage recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 367, Page 300. Said mortgage was subsequently sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper. Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in the City of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama on March 6, 2019, during the legal hours of sale, all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following describe real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES A. GRAY,
deceased.

programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

This sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in said Mortgage and by Alabama law. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose.
Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Mortgagee or Transferee Sady D. Mauldin A/LAW One Independence Plaza, Suite 416
Birmingham, AL 35209
Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 18-030516 A-4682563
01/31/2019, 02/07/2019, 02/14/2019-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES A. GRAY,
deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NO: PC2019-013

NOTICE TO: ANY HEIRS OR NEXT-OF-KIN

Please take notice that a Petition to Probate Will asking for letters testamentary in the above styled manner has been filed in Coffee County Probate Court by the Petitioner, John Larry Chism who is named as Executrix in the Last Will and Testament of James A. Gray and that the 14th day of March 2019, at 9:00 a.m. has been set for hearing on the same in Coffee County Probate Court, 230-P North Court Avenue, Elba, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Charles Matthew Brunson, Esq.
P.O. Box 358
Elba, Alabama 36323
334-897-3507
1/31,2/7&2/14-paid

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADMINISTRATOR

ESTATE OF
PAUL COLEMAN MADDOX,
DECEASED

PROBATE COURT
PC2019-010

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 23rd day of January, 2019, by the Hon. Steven E. Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Sammie Michael Maddox,
Personal Representative
1/31,2/7&14-pd.

Synopsis: Relating to Coffee County and the compensation and expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County; so as to further provide for an expense allowance and expiration date therefore and the Sheriffs compensation in the next term of office.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County and the compensation and expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County; so as to further provide for an expense allowance and

expiration date therefore and the Sheriff's compensation in the next term of office.

Section 1. The Sheriff of Coffee County shall receive an expense allowance of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year, payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund of the county as other county employees are paid. Said expense allowance shall be in addition to all other compensation or benefits granted to the Sheriff and may be treated as compensation for retirement contributions.

Section 2. Beginning with the next term of office, the expense allowance paid to the Sheriff as provided in Section 1 is null and void.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming law.
2/7,14,21&28-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DIANE HOLLOWAY,
DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC-19-012

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Steve Blair, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jane Cacchioli
Jane Cacchioli
By: Wesley L. Laird,
Attorney for the Estate of Diane Holloway
501 North Main Street
Opp, AL 36467
2/7,14&21-paid

SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of Fieri Facias issued out of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Jackson Construction Company, in favor of Madison Terry (CV-2006-108) out of the goods, chattels, lands and tenements of the said Jackson Construction, I have levied on the following property to wit:

One (1) 2003 Dodge 3500 Van
(VIN# 2D7KB31Z53K511424)

One (1) 2000 Haulmark 7*14 Enclosed Trailer
(VIN# 4XSPB14241G028986)

Therefore, according to the said command, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, all the right, title and interest in and to the above described property on Friday, February 22, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, 1133 East McKinnon St., New Brockton, Alabama. This property may be inspected at the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, New Brockton, Alabama, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dated this 12th day of February, 2019.

David T. Sutton, Sheriff
2/14-chg.

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Can Be Found
on Page 10...



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SCHOOL NEWS

TIGER TALES

News from
Elba City Schools

Ria Turk, sponsor

Miss Elbala winners crowned



The annual Miss Elbala Pageant was held Saturday, Feb. 2, at Elba High School in the school auditorium. The pageant was emceed by Miss Elbala 2018 Alyssa Kyles. Kate Hudson (above) was crowned Miss Elbala 2019. First runner up in this category was Lauren Haley.



Zalie McKelvy (center) was crowned Junior Miss Elbala 2019 during the Feb. 2nd Miss Elbala Pageant held at Elba High School. Faith Adcock (right) was first runner up and Zoe Sanders (left) was second runner up.



Alayvia Stinson (left) was crowned Young Miss Elbala 2019 during the Feb. 2nd Miss Elbala Pageant held at Elba High School. Miciah Smith (right) was first runner up and Lauren Rogers (not pictured) was second runner up.



Elizabeth James (right) was crowned Little Miss Elbala 2019 during the Feb. 2nd Miss Elbala Pageant held at Elba High School. Hillary Hudson (left) was first runner up and Payton Parks (not pictured) was second runner up.



Piper Astemborski was crowned Mini Miss Elbala 2019 (shown above) during the Feb. 2nd Miss Elbala Pageant held at Elba High School. Cate Capps (not pictured) was named first runner up.

Three Elba Tigers sign football scholarships

Three Elba Tigers received special honor and recognition Wednesday, Feb. 6, during a ceremony held in the auditorium of Elba High School as part of National College Signing Day for athletes.

The three seniors honored each signed scholarships to continue playing football at the college level. Alex Wright and Richmon Singletary each signed with the UAB Blazers in Birmingham, Ala., while Bryon Johnson signed with Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala.

UAB is a Division I FBS program, and the Blazers are a member of Conference USA.

Huntingdon is a Division II team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The Hawks are a member of the USA South Athletic Conference.

The three Elba standouts said they are excited for the opportunity to continue playing football at the collegiate level.

Important Reminders:

EES PTO MEETING
Elba Elementary School has a PTO meeting scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

PROGRESS REPORTS
Progress reports went home Wednesday, Feb. 6. If you did not receive a report, please contact your student's teacher to get a replacement. Thank you!

Elba High School 'home' baseball/softball games

DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	TIME
Feb. 19	Baseball JV/V	vs New Brockton	4:00
Feb. 25	Baseball JV DH	vs Carroll	4:00
Feb. 26	Softball JV/V	vs Zion Chapel	4:00
Feb. 28	Baseball V DH	vs Daleville	4:00
Feb. 28	Softball V/JV	vs Highland Home	4:30
Mar. 4	Baseball JV/V	vs Dale Co.	4:00
Mar. 5	Baseball JV/V	vs Samson	4:30
Mar. 5	Softball JV/V	vs Pike Co.	4:30
Mar. 11	Baseball JV/V	vs Goshen	1:00
Mar. 14	Baseball V DH	vs Brantley	4:30
Mar. 18	Baseball JV/V	vs Zion Chapel	4:00
Mar. 18	Softball JV/V	vs Geneva Co.	4:30
Mar. 19	Softball JV/V	vs Kinston	4:30
Mar. 22	Baseball V	vs Florala	4:30
Apr. 5	Baseball V DH	vs Kinston	4:30
Apr. 9	Softball V	vs Brantley	4:30
April. 15	Baseball V*	vs Carroll	5:00
April 18	Softball V*	vs Florala	4:30
Apr. 26-27	Elba Tune-Up Tournament (Softball)		All Day

* denotes Senior Night

Pre-Registration for Elba's First Class Pre-K program underway

Pre-registration dates for Elba City Schools' First Class Pre-K is happening now.

Pre-registration continues through March 22nd. To fill out form online go to <https://alprek.asapconnect.com>. A birth certificate and proof of residence will also be required. Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held on March 22nd. Notices will be emailed beginning April 16th.

For assistance with accessing online application contact Elba Elementary School office at 897-2814.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before 9/1/19 who are



Elba Tigers Alex Wright, Byron Johnson and Richmon Singletary each signed scholarships Wednesday, Feb. 6, with intent to play football at the collegiate level next season. All three signed with in-state schools, two going to UAB in Birmingham and one going to Huntingdon College in Montgomery.



Praise Edwards



Victori Edwards

Two EHS students participate in Auburn University's Honor Band

Two Elba High School students, Praise and Victori Edwards, practiced and performed with the Auburn University Honor Band on Thursday, Feb. 7, and Friday, Feb. 8th. Praise is a junior, and Victori is a freshman at Elba High School.

EES Fundraiser Underway!

Elba Elementary School announces its biggest fundraiser of the year.

Fundraising packets were sent home with all EES students last week. All packets [and money] is due back to the school by Friday, Feb. 22nd.

Top seller wins \$100 cash!

2nd place seller wins \$75 cash and 3rd place seller wins \$50 cash!

Both the 4th and 5th place top sellers win \$25 cash each!

Also, any student that sells at least 18 items will win THE HUMMER PIZZA PARTY!!!! These students will be picked up from school in style to attend a free pizza party at Mellow Mushroom off campus!

All are encouraged to be on the lookout for these students as they work to meet the fundraising goals for EES! All support is appreciated!!

Support Our Youth, Education, & Schools!

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SPORTS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a good weekend for our little grandson Lawson as his Aunt Melanie came over for a visit and spend a couple of hours playing with him both inside and outside. His Aunt Melanie has always been special to my little man, and the smile she brings to his face is one that warms everyone that sees it. He actually had a tear in his eye when she left, but I am sure the next visit will be sooner that later.

For what it is worth....

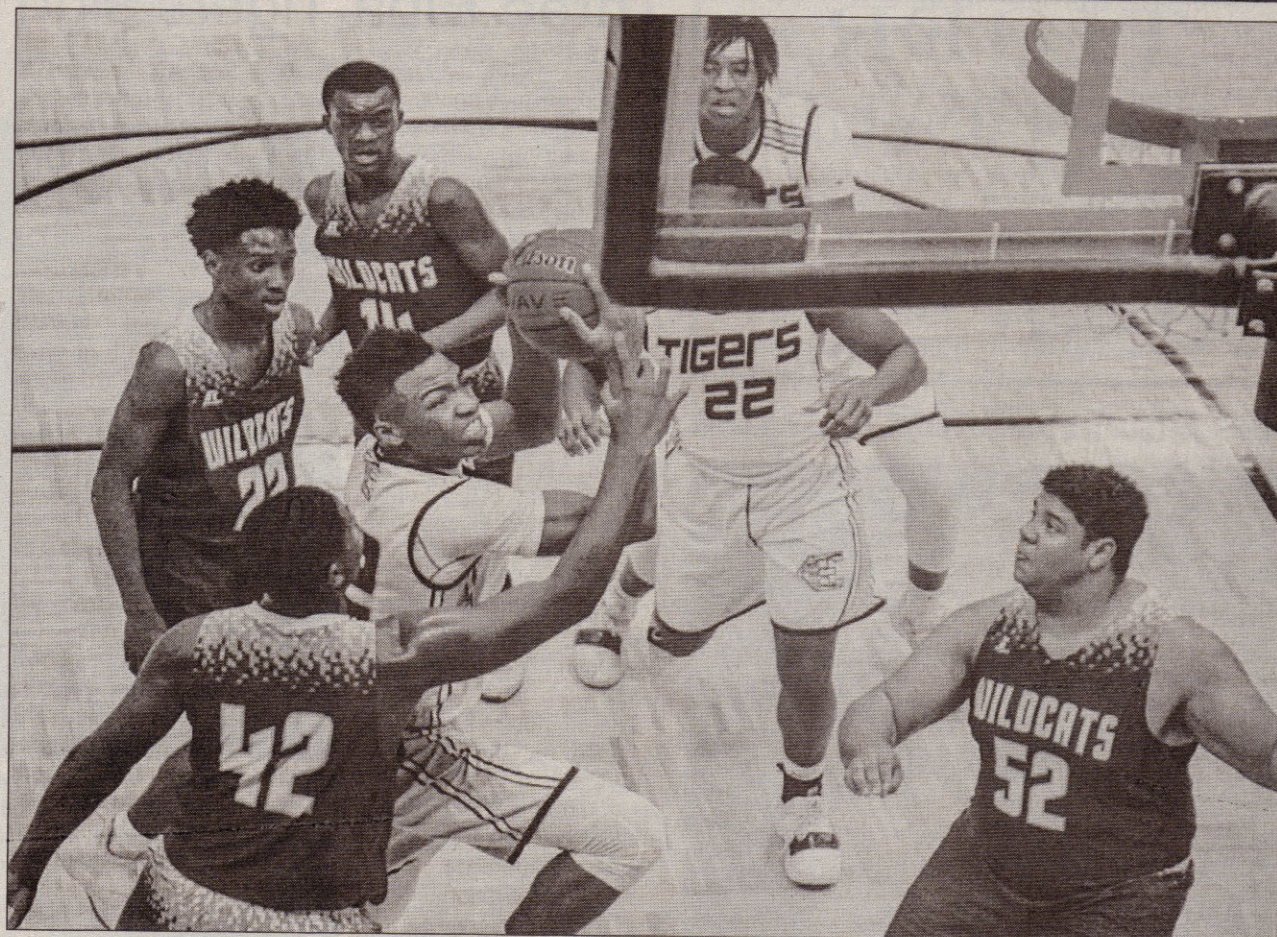
*** *The Elba Tigers added the area tournament title to their regular season crown and now are only one win away from another trip to the Southeast Region tournament, to be held this year in Montgomery. The Tigers blasted Kinston and Florala in their two games at the tournament, and once again showed they could score from both inside and out as Alex Wright dominated inside and Richmon Singletary and Logan Medlock connected from outside the arc. When Elba is hitting its 3-pointers it is hard to beat, and that was the case last week at the area tournament as they were clearly the best team in the field. The competition gets tougher from here out as the Tigers will face perennial 1A power J.F. Shields in a sub-region match-up, and after that could come a showdown with two-time defending state champ Lanett at the region tourney. No team the Tigers play with have any more athletes than the guys dressed in black and gold, and if they play continue to play like champions they could add even more hardware to the trophy case in the weeks to come.*

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers saw a successful season draw to an end last week with a six-point loss to Brantley at the area tournament. The Lady Tigers had defeated Brantley just a few days earlier, but fell behind early and could never catch up in the tournament loss. The loss was a disappointment to the players, coaches and fans. However, the Elba girls had a solid season with a very young team and set the foundation for what should be a long line of successful seasons ahead. Hey girls, it was a fun ride.*

*** *The season ended for all the area teams except the Brantley Lady Bulldogs last week in area tournament action. The Lady Bulldogs knocked off Elba in their opener and then gained a measure of revenge with a win over Florala in the tourney finals to advance to sub-region play, while the Bulldogs lost their tourney opener and closed the books on an up and down season. Over in Kinston, the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs both dropped their tourney openers, and as the fourth seed in both events had to challenge the regular season area champs, while at New Brockton the Gamecocks closed out the schools first winless season ever and the Lady Gamecocks also fell to put the wraps on a three-win season. Zion Chapel was also the fourth seed in the area tournament and both teams fell to the top seeds in opening round action. Looking back, Brantley was solid in both boys and girls play and have plenty of players coming back to keep the winning tradition alive; Kinston's boys lost their top four players and may have a down season ahead, while the girls should only get better and will definitely be competitive; Zion Chapel was better than its record showed in both boys and girls action and isn't far from being a contender; and, New Brockton had probably its worst season ever in boys play, while the Gamecock girls showed sings of developing into a solid team.*

*** *It came as no surprise last week when New Brockton High hired former-Enterprise assistant coach Zack Holmes as its new head football coach. With former Enterprise coaches Alonzo Barkley and Brian Peacock now holding the titles of principal and assistant principal at New Brockton, and with the recent house cleaning of the staff in football at Enterprise, the odds were good that a former Wildcat coach would emerge as the new head man with the Gamecocks. I'm not trying to insinuate the new coach wasn't the best man for the job, just that most area fans would have bet money where the new head coach would come from.*

*** *In closing.... I lost a good friend, as did many people in Elba last week with the passing of John Larry "Popcorn" Gilbert. Popcorn had a kind heart and would do anything he could for anyone that needed help, no matter a friend or foe, and will be missed by all that knew him over his 63 years on Earth. I know that Popcorn loved Elba and its people, and displayed that love by running numerous times for city office, even though he knew the odds were against him winning. He will always be remembered!*



Elba Tiger Richmon Singletary (12) drives through four Florala defenders to lay in a two-pointer in last week's 68-40 win over the Wildcats, at the area tournament. Singletary scored 16 points in the Tiger win and 19 in a win over Kinston to help Elba claim the tournament title

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Class 1A, Area 3 champs

Tigers take tournament title

The Elba Tigers hosted the Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament last week at the Tiger gym and posted a pair of lopsided wins over Kinston and Florala to earn the right to host this week's sub-region clash against J.F. Shields. Following are highlights of both tournament wins:

Elba 83 Kinston 52

The Elba Tigers tipped off tournament action with a big 83-52 romp over the Kinston Bulldogs.

An early 3-pointer by Elba's Richmon Singletary helped the Tigers jump out to a quick 5-0 lead, while two baskets inside by Alex Wright enabled the Tigers to push their lead to 13-4 with 4:12 remaining in the first quarter. Elba took its biggest lead of the stanza at 21-8 with 44-seconds left on the clock after a driving layup by Trenton Sanders, but saw Kinston rally late and pill within 21-13 by the end of the quart eater a 3-pointer by Colby Copeland.

A 3-pointer by Elba's Logan Medlock sparked an early 5-0 run by the Tigers in the second quarter as the Tigers upped their lead to 26-13. However, the Bulldogs again came battling back and led by the play of Hunter Davis scored seven straight points to pull within 26-20 with 6:02 still left in the quarter. Baskets by Richmon Singletary and Vilee Sams helped the Tigers push their lead back out to double digits at 30-20 with 5:01 left in the stanza, and after Kinston cut the lead to 34-25 with 3:06 left on a 3-pointer by Hunter Davis, the Tigers closed the half with a 14-1 run to carry a 48-26 lead in at intermission.

Kinston's Jacob Wood and Hunter Davis both drained long 3-pointers early in the third quarter to pump life into the Bulldogs, but Elba's Logan Medlock nailed two 3-pointers in a one-minute span midway through the quarter to spark an 11-0 Tiger run that stretched the Tigers lead to 60-32 with 5:01 still left in the stanza.

Kinston's Colby Copeland sparked a late 6-2 Bulldog rally that cut the Elba lead to 65-41 heading into the fourth quarter, but the Tigers scored the first 10 points of the fourth quarter to open up a 75-41 lead, and then coasted in with the lopsided win to punch their ticket to the tournament finals.

Logan Medlock scored a season high 24 points to lead Elba, while Richmon

Singletary added 19 points and Alex Wright added 17. Hunter Davis scored 29 points to lead Kinston and Colby Copeland added 12.

Elba (83): Lane 4, Harrison 2, Sams 5, Sanders 3, Singletary 19, Caldwell 2, Wright 17, Medlock 24, Hill 7.

Kinston (52): Wood 8, Davis 29, Copeland 12.

Elba 68 Florala 40

The Elba Tigers added the tournament title to the regular season crown with a solid 68-40 win over the Florala Wildcats.

A 3-ponter by Florala's Anthony Stone sparked an early Wildcat run that put the 'Cats on top 7-2 midway through the opening stanza, and despite a pair of 3-pointers by Elba's Logan Medlock and Vilee Sams, Florala refused the relinquish the lead and was still on top 13-10 with 2:17 remaining after a basket by Shun White.

Elba sneaked ahead 14-13 at the end of the quarter on a late basket by Vilee Sams, and then opened the second quarter with a 10-2 run as the Tigers finally began to take charge and moved on top 24-15 with 4:38 remaining in the stanza. Elba's lead grew to 33-18 with 2:24 left on a basket by Seth Ware, and the Tigers carried a 38-19 lead in at the half after a late 3-pointer by Collin Harrison.

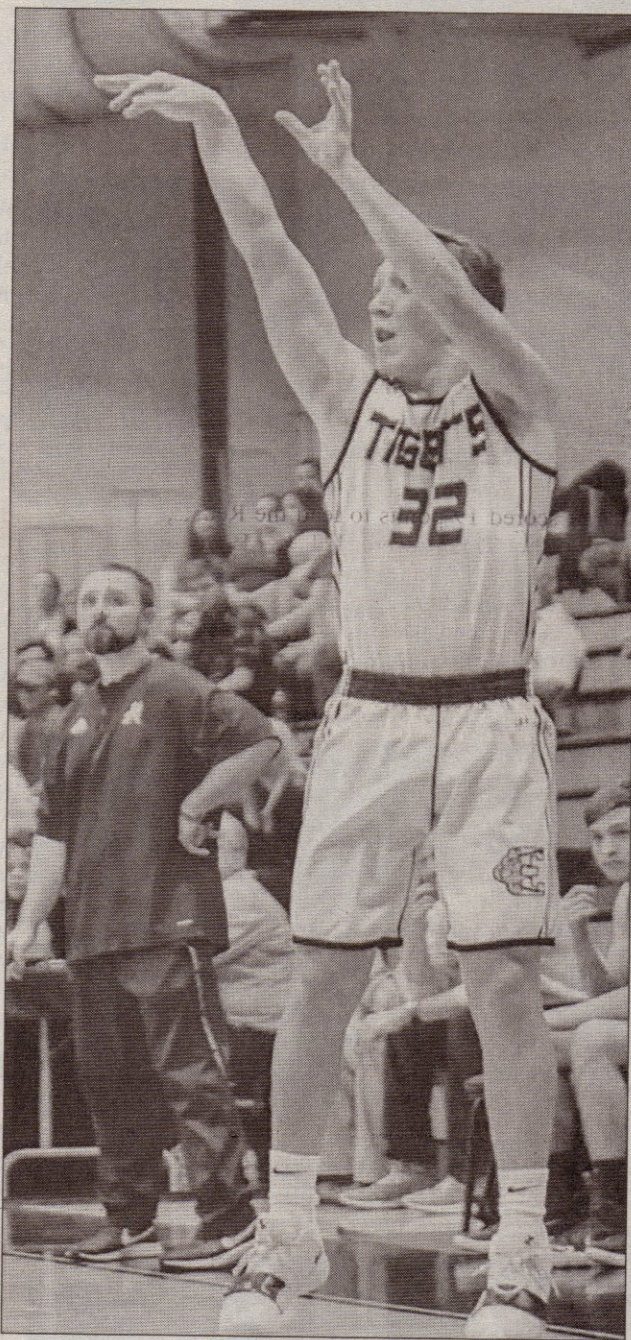
The Tigers picked up where they had left off early in the third quarter and behind the play of Alex Wright and Seth Ware opened the quarter with a 10-3 run that pushed their lead to 48-22 with 3:54 remaining on the clock.

Florala closed the stanza with a 9-0 run to pull within 55-33. However, Elba never lost command and never saw its lead shrink to less than 21 points as the Tigers rolled the big 68-40 tournament win.

Richmon Singletary scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Vilee Sams added 13 and Seth Ware and Alex Wright both scored 11. Zach Reese scored 12 points to lead Florala.

Elba (68): Harrison 9, Ware 11, Sams 13, Sanders 1, Singletary 16, Wright 11, Medlock 6, Hill 1.

Florala (40): Stone 8, West 2, Reese 12, James 6, Stewart 2, White 4, N. Stone 4, Gettis 2.



Elba Tiger Logan Medlock (32) fires in a 3-pointer in last week's area tournament win over Kinston. Medlock scored a season high 24 points in the Tigers 83-52 win.

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Former Enterprise assistant
Zack Holmes named new New
Brockton head football coach

Officials at New Brockton High School didn't have to go far to find their new head football coach.

New Brockton principal Alonzo Barkley announced last week that former Enterprise Wildcat assistant Zack Holmes had been named the Gamecocks new head coach. The new head coach was the special team's coordinator at Enterprise last season after serving at the defensive

coordinator at Eufaula, an assistant coach at Sumiton Christian and the head coach at Sumiton Christian, where his teams posted a 6-13 record.

"I was impressed with his enthusiasm and his preparation," said Barkley in a published interview, last week. "He has experience at both smaller schools and bigger schools such as Eufaula and Enterprise. He has been a head coach, an offensive coordinator, a defensive

coordinator and a special teams coordinator, so, he has done just about everything."

"I am extremely excited about taking over," said Holmes, in the published interview. "It is a program that has been to the playoffs the last few years. So, I am walking into a god situation. I am excited about being a part of the community, excited about the guys on staff and most of all excited about the kids."

The....
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BOYS:

Brantley ousted in tourney opener 67-55

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their season come to an end in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament with a 67-55 loss to the Florala Wildcats. Florala jumped out to an early 12-2 lead, and while Brantley did rally and pull within 19-16 early in the second quarter, the Wildcats drained seven 3-pointers in the half and carried a 32-21 lead in at the half. Florala quickly upped its lead to 43-25 in the third quarter to regain command, and Brantley never recovered as the Bulldogs' season came to an abrupt end. Billy Burnett scored 16 points and Parker Driggers added 10 to lead Brantley, while Anthony Stone scored 18 points to lead Florala.

Zion Chapel ousted by Samson 62-57

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw a gallant effort fall five points short as their season ended with a 62-57 loss to the Samson Tigers, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament, at Goshen. Brady Cobb scored 19 points to lead the Rebels, while the Tigers were led by Hayden McCoy with 24 points and 12 rebounds and Sidney Cox with 17 points.

Gamecocks season ends with 69-34 loss

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw their winless season draw to an end last week with a 69-34 loss to the Goshen Eagles, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament, at Goshen. Dawson Douglas scored 10 points to lead the (0-24) Gamecocks, while RaQuan Martin scored 15 points and Dakari Melton added 13 points, 5 assists and 4 steals to spark the Eagles.

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels make early exit at tourney

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels ended their season with a 6-18 record with a 47-27 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament, in Samson. The Lady Rebelsfell behind 10-0 early, and despite battling until the end, were never able to threaten the highly ranked Lady Tigers. Willow Johnson scored a game high 13

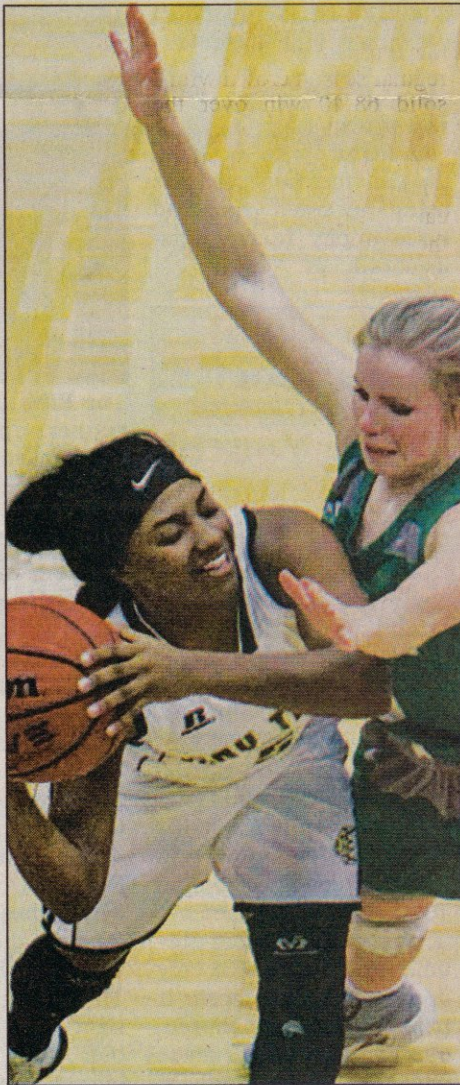
points to lead Zion Chapel, while Michelle Duff scored 10 points and Jasmine Duff added 9 to lead Samson.

Lady Gamecocks drop opener 55-41

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in a 55-41 loss to the Goshen Lady Eagles, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 4 tournament, in Samson. Daisha Nelson scored 16 points and Jaida Gosha added 14 for the Lady Gamecocks, which ended the season with a 3-21 record, while Bree Griffin led Goshen with 28 points and 9 rebounds.

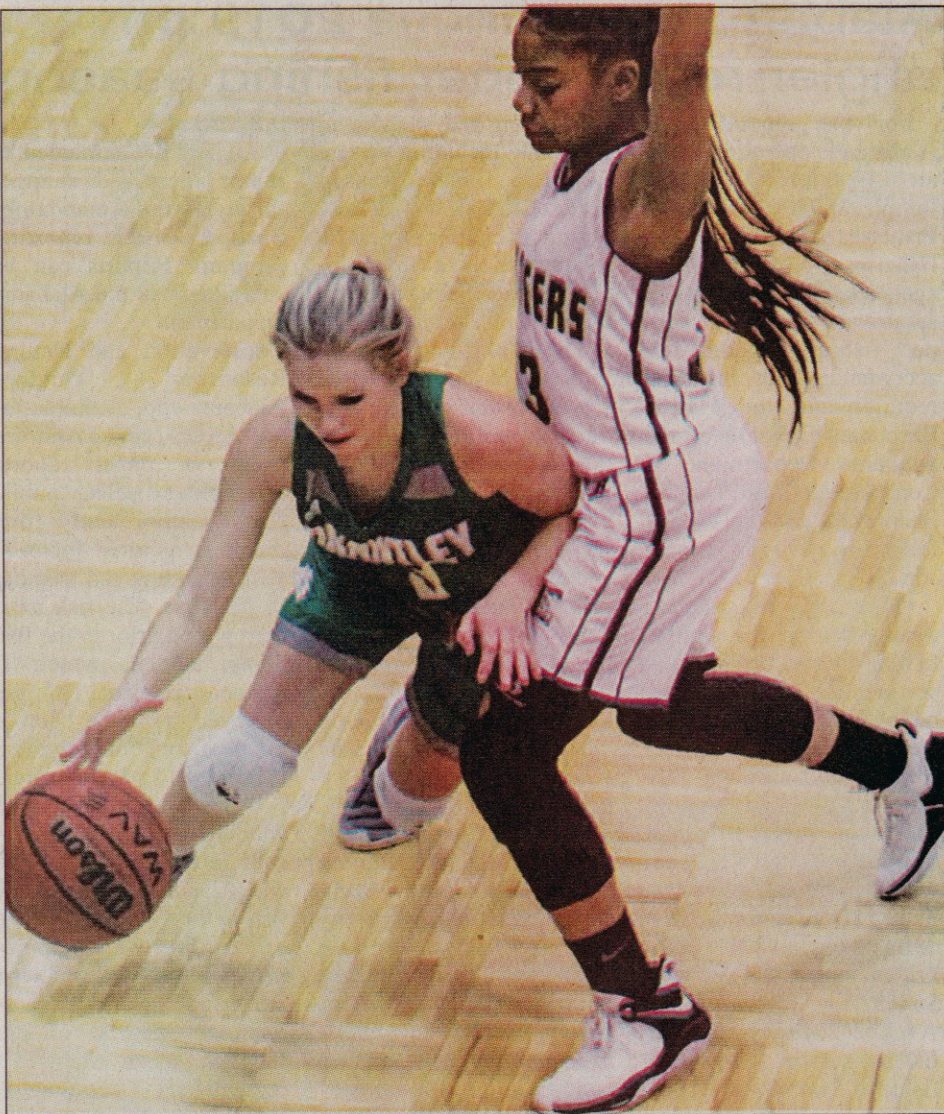
Lady Bulldogs claim tournament title

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs claimed the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament title with a solid 50-39 win over the Florala Lady Wildcats. Gabby Perkins scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead Brantley, while Passion Person added 11 points and Olivia Jones scored 10.



Brantley Lady Bulldog Emory Bush stops Elba Lady Tiger Sandra Lindsey from passing to a teammate in recent basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Lady Tiger Freeda Hooks (in white) tries to block the path to the goal for Brantley Lady Bulldog Emory Bush in recent high school basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Drop season finale
Elba Lady Tigers ousted by Brantley in
1A, Area 3 tournament rematch 52-46

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their season come to an abrupt end last week in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 3 basketball tournament when they were defeated by the Brantley Lady Bulldogs 52-46, in Florala.

Elba's Freeda Hooks scored four points to lead a balanced Elba scoring attack in the opening quarter, but Brantley's Gabby Perkins took charge inside early and scored eight points as the Lady Bulldogs

pulled out to a 19-10 advantage.

The Lady Tigers began to battle back in the second quarter, and behind the play of Melissa Williams and Freeda Hooks were able to cut the Brantley lead to 28-22 by the end of the half.

Gabby Perkins and Olivia Jones combined for eleven points in the third quarter to help the Lady Bulldogs extend their lead to 41-33 heading into the final stanza, while the Lady Tigers hit only 7 of 16 free throws in

the fourth quarter and saw a late rally fall short as their season ended with the 52-46 loss.

Freeda Hooks scored 12 point and Melissa Williams added 11 to lead Elba, while Gabby Perkins scored 20 points to lead Brantley and Olivia Jones added 10.

Brantley (52): Jones 10, Wilcox 7, Bush 8, McCreary 4, Person 3, Perkins 20.

Elba (46): N. Williams 4, Lindsey 7, Whitfield 8, M. Williams 11, Hooks 12, Baker 4.

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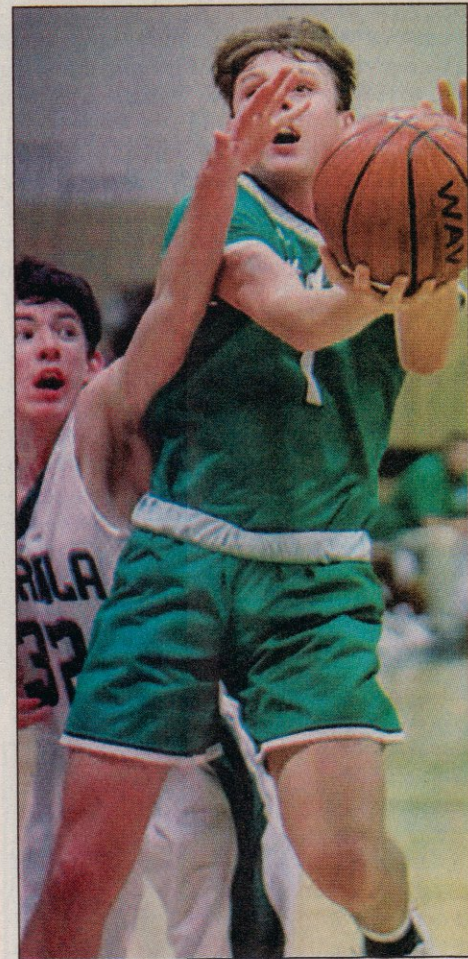
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Brantley Bulldog Jake Kilcrease (1) gets inside the defense for a basket in recent tournament action.

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Alabama announces 2019 private angler red snapper fishing season

For the second year, Alabama is operating under an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from NOAA Fisheries to allow state fisheries management agencies more flexibility to set private angler red snapper fishing seasons. In accordance with the EFP requirements, the Marine Resources Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announces the following red snapper season information:

- The 2019 red snapper fishing season for anglers fishing from a private vessel or state-licensed guide boat will be three-day weekends (Friday-Sunday) from June 1 through July 28, 2019, including Thursday, July 4. Except for the opening weekend, which begins on a Saturday, weekends are defined as 12:01 a.m. Friday through 11:59 p.m. Sunday.
- The 2019 red snapper fishing season for anglers fishing from a federally permitted charter boat or headboat will be announced by NOAA Fisheries in the coming weeks.
- One representative from any recreational ves-

sel landing red snapper in Alabama, including private vessels, state-licensed guide boats and federally permitted charter vessels, is required to report red snapper landings before fish are landed in Alabama.

The 2019 private angling season is based on the fishing effort and average size of fish collected during 2018. Under the EFP, Alabama is provided a percentage of the Gulf-wide recreational quota for red snapper. Alabama's 2019 private vessel quota is 1,079,573 pounds. Under the terms of the EFP, Alabama may adjust the season length to provide maximum access for fishermen while adhering to the quota.

"In 2018, the first year of the EFP, Alabama's quota was 984,291 pounds and we estimated a 47-day season," said Marine Resources Division Director Scott Bannon. "What we did not anticipate were the ideal weather conditions and the tremendous effort by Alabama anglers, which caused us to close the season after 28 days. We were required to adhere to the quota and, for the most part, we did, as we exceeded the quota by only 0.2 percent.

Anglers are reminded to report their red snapper through the mandatory Snapper Check reporting program. Reports can be submitted via the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Outdoor Alabama app, available for both iOS and Android users, or paper reports available at select public boat ramps. Only one report is required for each vessel landing red snapper in Alabama. The fish must be reported prior to the fish being landed, which is defined as when fish are removed from the boat or the boat containing the fish is removed from the water.

Other Gulf states will be announcing their 2019 seasons in the coming weeks, and Alabama anglers may fish in those waters as long as they meet the requirements of that state and land red snapper in a state that is open to landing of red snapper. When Alabama's recreational season is closed, anglers are not permitted to be in possession of red snapper on Alabama's waters or land red snapper in Alabama, no matter where they were caught.



The Elba 10 & Under Basketball Team, a part of the Elba Parks and Recreation program, brought home the runner up trophy from a tournament held recently in Hartford, Ala. The team consists of: (left to right) Javante Griggs, Zy'Brien Hammonds, Johnathan Edwards, Easton McKelvy, Ledell Ousely, Jaden Baker, Cole Shehee, and Jay Wilson. Coaches are Josh Wilson and John Edwards

Elba 10 & Under Tigers bring home runner up trophy from Hartford Basketball Tournament

On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Elba Tigers 10 & Under Boys Basketball team finished as the runners-up in the 2nd Annual Hartford Basketball Tournament.

The Tigers played five games on Saturday, dropping the first game to Daleville and then fighting back by defeating Wicksburg twice and Hartford once to advance to the championship game. Once again the Tigers played Daleville and left it all on the court but came up a little bit short.

The team is coached by Josh Wilson and John Edwards.

In the photo to the right, the team members celebrate being awarded the 2nd Place trophy from tournament officials.



The Elba 10 & Under Tigers celebrate receiving their runner up trophy during the Hartford Basketball Tournament. Coach Josh Wilson said he was extremely proud of the effort put forth by this team to bring home 2nd Place.



KINSTON 8U WINS BASKETBALL TOURNEY...The host team, the Kinston 8u Bulldogs, won the Kinston 8u Basketball Invitational held Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Kinston Schools gym. This was a 4-team tournament. The Kinston team advanced to the championship game by defeating the New Brockton 8u team 23-16. The young Bulldogs then earned the championship trophy by defeating Daleville 33-26 in the finals. The Kinston 8u team members were: (front) Wyatt Spears, Jhett Creech, and Maverick Owen; (back) Rylen Hawthorne, JD Hart, Jon Simmons, Evan Hilburn, and Ryan Blair.

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The work generally consists of the following: Approximately 4,500 sqft of a playground installation.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon an online payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40.00 by visiting our website - www.southernengineering-solutions.com and clicking the "Currently Bidding" link at the top of the page. A free one-time membership registration with Quest CDN will be required. Please contact questcdn.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com if you require assistance in registration, downloading, or working with this digital project information. Optional complete paper

bid documents are available at Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc.; P O Box 610; 201 East Troy Street; Andalusia, Alabama 36420, upon payment of a refundable (if plans are returned in reusable condition within 10 days of bid opening) deposit of \$40.00. Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. If paper option is chosen, checks shall be made payable to Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc. No paper bid documents will be distributed later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled opening of bids. All bids shall be submitted in the Contract Specification book issued by the Engineer. Bids not submitted in the Contract Specification Book will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows, and delivered to City Clerk, City of Elba, 200 Buford Street; Elba, AL 36323 "Playground for Hawkins Williams Park, LWCF PROJECT NO. 17-LW-1047."

All nonresident contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Alabama General Contractor's License, evidence (with original seal of the State of

Alabama) of proper registration with the Alabama Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing of a Foreign Corporation from the State of Alabama Department of Revenue. Bids submitted by a nonresident contractor without these documents included will be rejected.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsive bidder. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

All bidders must comply with the President's Executive Order Number 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Workhours Act. Guarantee will be required

with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the City of Elba, Alabama. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included.

The attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. This project is financed in part by LWCF Grant No. 17-LW-1047. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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